

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-01344-RBW**

CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN  
WASHINGTON v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE et al  
Assigned to: Judge Reggie B. Walton  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/08/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/08/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6112069) filed by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons Attorney General, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney, # <u>4</u> Summons State Department, # <u>5</u> Summons U.S. A.I.D.)(Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 05/08/2019)
05/08/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 05/08/2019)
05/09/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Reggie B. Walton. (zeg) (Entered: 05/09/2019)
05/09/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zeg) (Entered: 05/09/2019)

05/29/2019	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 5/29/19., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/28/2019. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/27/2019.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT served on 5/28/2019; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 5/28/2019 (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 05/29/2019)
05/29/2019	<u>5</u>	GENERAL ORDER FOR CIVIL CASES BEFORE THE HONORABLE REGGIE B. WALTON. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on May 29, 2019. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 05/29/2019)
06/17/2019	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 6/17/2019 (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 06/17/2019)
06/27/2019	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Lyons, Jane) (Entered: 06/27/2019)
07/11/2019		VACATED AS PER ORDER DATED 7/12/19..... MINUTE ORDER: To ensure the expeditious resolution of this action, and because this qualifies as an exempted case under Local Civil Rule 16.3(b), it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint proposed briefing schedule governing the filing of dispositive motions on or before August 8, 2019. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on July 11, 2019. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 07/11/2019)
07/11/2019	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Lyons, Jane) (Entered: 07/11/2019)
07/12/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the United States Department of State (the "State Department") shall complete its search for responsive documents on or before August 22, 2019. It is further ORDERED that the State Department shall make its first production of documents to the plaintiff on or before September 30, 2019, and subsequent productions to the plaintiff every six (6) weeks thereafter. It is further ORDERED that the United States Agency for International Development ("USAID") shall provide its search declaration to the plaintiff on or before August 22, 2019. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall confer regarding USAID's search on or before September 30, 2019. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall file an additional status report on or before October 16, 2019, and every forty-five (45) days thereafter, addressing, inter alia, the status of the processing and production of the plaintiff's FOIA requests. It is further ORDERED that the Court's July 11, 2019 Minute Order is VACATED. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on July 12, 2019. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 07/12/2019)
07/30/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 10/16/2019 (tj) (Entered: 07/30/2019)
08/23/2019	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Completion of Search by U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Lyons, Jane) (Entered: 08/23/2019)
10/16/2019	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Lyons, Jane) (Entered: 10/16/2019)